

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

January 3, 2006

Following School Board Meeting

Mayor Guinta called the meeting to order.

Mayor Guinta called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Duval.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Roy, Gatsas, Long, Duval, Osborne, Pinard, O’Neil,
Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault, Forest

Rules of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Alderman Thibault moved to adopt the same rules as the previous Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Alderman Duval duly seconded the motion.

Mayor Guinta advised that amendments to the rules may now be considered:

Communication from Virginia Lamberton proposing that the Board change Rule 16A:

Previous language:

Ordinances providing for changes in class specifications which do not change the title of a position and do not provide for any change in the salary grade of such position shall be reviewed by the Committee on Human Resources. Upon approval by the Committee, the City Clerk shall submit such ordinance to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen where the question shall be on passing same to be Ordained without referral to committee or any other action by the Board.

Proposed language:

Ordinances providing for changes in class specifications, establishing positions, reclassifications and new class specifications, shall be reviewed by the Committee on Human Resources. Upon approval by the Committee, the City Clerk shall submit such ordinances to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen where the question shall be on passing same to be Ordained without referral to committee or any other action by the Board.

Alderman Pinard moved to amend the motion by replacing the proposed language referenced for Rule 16A and Alderman Garrity duly seconded the motion. Alderman Lopez called for a roll call vote. Aldermen Gatsas, Duval, Pinard and Garrity voted yea. Aldermen Roy, Long, Osborne, O’Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Smith, Thibault and Forest voted nay. The motion failed.

Replacement of language in Rule 11, “Traffic and Public Safety” Committee to read “Public Safety and Traffic Committee” requested by Mayor Guinta.

Alderman O'Neil moved to amend the motion by replacing the proposed language referenced for Rule 11. Alderman Roy duly seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Aldermen Gatsas, Long, Duval, Osborne, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Thibault, Forest and Roy voted yea. Alderman Smith voted nay. The motion carried.

Mayor Guinta called for a vote on the main motion as amended, adopting the rules as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Nomination for Chairman of the Board of Aldermen

Alderman Shea nominated Alderman Mike Lopez for Chairman of the Board, term expiring January 2008.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to close nominations.

Alderman Forest moved to cast one unanimous to confirm the nomination of Alderman Lopez as Chairman of the Board. Alderman Duval duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Alderman Osborne duly recorded as abstaining.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated Alderman Gatsas has indicated he wanted to give notice for reconsideration on Rule 16A. It appeared that Alderman Gatsas voted in favor so a motion was taken at this time.

Alderman Gatsas moved for reconsideration of Rule 16A. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. With a majority of the Board voting in opposition by voice vote, Mayor Guinta advised the motion failed.

Mayor Guinta presented Committee assignments with first named as Chair as follows:

Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration:

Aldermen Pinard, Osborne, DeVries, Long, Thibault

Administration/Information Systems:

Aldermen O'Neil, Forest, Smith, DeVries, Lopez

Bills on Second Reading:

Aldermen Duval, Pinard, Lopez, Garrity, Gatsas

Finance

Alderman Gatsas (Vice-Chair)

Community Improvement:

Aldermen Garrity, Gatsas, Duval, O'Neil, Osborne

Human Resources/Insurance:

Aldermen Gatsas, Shea, Pinard, Garrity, Duval

Lands and Buildings:

Aldermen Thibault, Roy, Forest, Long, Smith

Public Safety & Traffic:

Aldermen Osborne, O'Neil, Long, Shea, Roy

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to appoint Aldermen Roy, Thibault and Forest to the Committee on Joint School Buildings.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated before you close the meeting I would note that Alderman Gatsas was actually in minority and he is indicating that he will bring the Rule 16A item back at the next meeting.

Alderman Lopez stated he was informed this afternoon that we have no members to the Planning Board and by law the Board of Mayor and Aldermen should have members on the Planning Board.

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman Roy, it was voted to appoint Alderman Long as the primary member of the Planning Board from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and Alderman Duval as the alternate so that they can make the meeting this Thursday.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Thibault, duly seconded by Alderman DeVries it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk